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power to allow a question or disallow it. It is entirely within the power of the Chair to disallow a question if the Chair thinks that the question is not in order. The second point raised is whether the Chair has power to make a starred question an unstarred one. If the Chair thinks that the answer to the question will be very long, the Chair has power to treat it as an unstarred question. Regarding the manner of answers by Hon. Ministers, the Chair has nothing to do. The manner of giving answers is entirely the responsibility of Hon. Ministers."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" While I do not want to say anything in regard to the discretion that is vested in the Chair to allow or disallow a question on the ground that it is in order or not in order, I would like to submit that it is very necessary for the Members of this House to know the general principles governing the basis on which the Chair comes to the conclusion that a particular question is in order or not in order."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall ans. anc [illegible] here and now. These principles are given in the Rules. the[illegible], the [illegible]ber will please go through the Rules. I may also state i[illegible] [illegible]ame time that whenever a question is disallowed, the reasons [illegible] disallowing it and the Assembly rule under which it is so disallowed are communicated to the Member."

* SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" With your permission, Sir, I should like to say one thing. For example, questions based upon newspaper reports have been allowed in the last Assembly. I can say very many questions have been admitted. But now when I put questions based upon newspaper reports, they have been disallowed. I should like to know whether the previous Assembly, which was not having a real Opposition, had a different set of Rules from the Rules of the present Assembly, which has a real Opposition."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are following the same rules. Instead of discussing this question here the hon. Member may bring it to my notice separately. I may also say that whenever there is a question put on the basis of a report in the newspapers, the hon. Member who puts the question should make himself responsible for the statements. He should not shove the responsibility on to the newspaper. Now let us proceed to Questions and Answers."

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Thermal Station at Kozhikode.

* 131-G. *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to install a Thermal Station at Kozhikode in Malabar to avoid the cut in supplying electricity to that place on account of the water scarcity in Mettur and Pykara anicuts?

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" No, as the commissioning now in progress of additional generating plant at Madurai and Pykara will ease the position in future years."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Has any representation been received by the Government about the great unemployment caused to the workers in Cheruvannur Cotton Mill, etc., on account of the power cut, and in printing presses and publications like *Mathrubhumi*, *Desabhimani*, and, if so, what steps the Government have taken to satisfy the demands of the workers in the industry and newspapers of Kozhikode? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have no information at present. I can tell the hon. Member that whenever there is a power cut, inevitably workers will suffer hardship."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Though the power-supply for industrial concerns is cut do the Government know that cinemas are having three and four shows daily and will the Government consider restricting this and supplying more power to industrial concerns? " 8-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Supply of power is restricted, Sir."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, there is a diesel oil generating set in Mangalore in the possession of the Government. That can be commissioned for the purpose of generating electricity. Similarly, fresh diesel generating sets can be ordered, which are cheap, and there is no question of use of coal involved in this thing. Therefore, will the Government consider this matter for the purpose of augmenting the supply of electricity? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Is the hon. the Leader of the Opposition putting the question with regard to the supply of power to South Kanara? "

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Diesel oil generating set can be commissioned there. There is no difficulty."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Then, we shall consider the question."

Allowances to the families of constables in detention.

* 132 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have sanctioned any, and if so, what allowances to the families of those constables of Madras City who were arrested and detained recently?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The matter is of course receiving the attention of the Government."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the families of those constables who are detained are allowed to remain in the official quarters? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question is of detention. But when the constables are dismissed, their families will have to vacate."